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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A labeled specific binding material comprising a substance

capable of specifically binding to an analyte, a spacer and a magnetic bead beads having a

diameter of 0.5 to 10 µm, wherein the specific binding substance is coupled to the magnetic bead

beads via the spacer and the spacer is polyalkylene glycol having 50 to 500 repeat units.

2-3. (Canceled).

4. (Previously presented) The labeled specific binding material according to claim 1,

wherein the polyalkylene glycol is polyethylene glycol.

5. (Currently Amended) The labeled specific binding material according to claim 1 or 4,

wherein the spacer is bonded to the magnetic <u>bead</u> beads through an avidin/biotin complex.

6. (Previously Presented) The labeled specific binding material according to claim 1,

wherein the analyte is an antigen and the substance capable of specifically binding to the analyte

is an antibody.

7. (Previously Presented) A kit for detecting an analyte, comprising a labeled specific

binding material according to claim 1.

8. (Currently amended) A method of detecting an antigen analyte, comprising binding

the antigen analyte to a labeled specific binding material, without stirring, to form a conjugate,

washing away unreacted labeled specific binding material, and detecting a magnetic signal from

the conjugate to detect the antigen analyte, wherein

the labeled specific binding material comprising an antibody a substance capable of

specifically binding to an antigen analyte, a spacer and a magnetic bead beads having a diameter

of 0.5 to 10 µm, and wherein the antibody specific binding substance is coupled to the magnetic

bead beads via the spacer and the spacer is polyalkylene glycol having 50 to 500 repeat units.

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9. (Currently Amended) The method of detecting an <u>antigen</u> analyte according to claim

8, wherein the polyalkylene glycol is polyethylene glycol.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of detecting an antigen analyte according to

claim 8 or 9, wherein the spacer is bonded to the magnetic bead beads through an avidin/biotin

complex.

11. (Cancelled)